Observance of 'Jharkhand Bandh' by Jharkhand Mukti Morcha

302. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha will observe 'Jharkhand Bandh' on 2nd December, 1987 unless the Central Government agreed to discuss its demand for a separate state;

(b) whether the Central Government intend to hold talks with Jharkhand Mukti Morcha; and

(c) what is the stand of the Central Government on its demand for a separate State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Such demand arises on account of economic imbalances. The Government of India are of the view that such imbalances in a particular State or region should be tackled through the mechanism of planning and that the creation of a Separate State may not be the answer to the problem.

Collections from Small Savings

303. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that collections from small savings may decline further because of lowering of the rates of interest from April 1, 1987; and

(b) what are the details of the incentives Government intend to declare for making small savings attractive?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Lesser deposits in some small savings schemes have been noticed. A new monthly income scheme has already been introduced on 15th August, 1987. A special drive for three months from 2nd October, 1987 has been launched to improve the collections.

Financial Assistance received by NTC

304. SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of financial assistance the National Textile Corporation has received from various financial institutions including the World Bank and the Overseas Economic Co-operation Fund till now;

(b) how this money has been distributed amongst the NTC mills, State-wise, and the details of distribution; and

(c) what are the results achieved so far?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) NTC has received financial assistance of Rs. 132.08 crores from IDBI and IFCI as on 30-9-87. So far no financial assistance has been received by NTC from the World Bank and the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund.

(b) A statement showing state-wise position of financial assistance given by IDBI and IFCI to NTC subsidiaries/mills upto 30-9-87 is attached. (*See* below)

(c) The funds received from financial institutions have been utilised for various modernisation schemes of NTC mills. NTC has been able to improve its performance in certain technical parameters.

Comparative figures for the year 1985-86 *vis-a-vis* 1975-76 are given below:—

		1975-76	1985-
(1)	Average count	26·8	33·1
(2)	Spinning Utilisation (%)	68 10	77·4
(3)	Weaving Utilisation (%)	67·60	77·8
(4)	Spg. productivity in terms of 40s conversion (Gms)	52·60	64·2
(5)	Loom productivity Index	211·0	227·0
(6)	Market yarn production (Million Kg.)	49 28	66·3
(7)	Cloth Production (Million mtrs.)	764·0	804·5

Statement

(Rupees in Lakhs)

Name of the State/UT	IDBI	IFCI	Total
1. Pondicherry	354·50	147 25	501·75
2. Tamil Nadu	2010·46	828 98	2839·44
3. Karnataka	611·00	306·00	917·00
4. Andhra Pradesh	270·00	147·00	417·00
5. Kerala	321·00	160·00	481·00
6. West Bengal	453·00	220·00	673·00
7. Rajasthan	64 00	30·00	94 00
8. Madhya Pradesh	1014 00	506 00	1520·00
9. Uttar Pradsh	452·00	250·50	702·50
10. Maharashtra	1849 40	886·50	2735·90
11. Gujarat	1579 25	747 00	2326·25
TOTAL :	8978·61	4229 23	13207·84

Increase in subsidy on Janata Sarees

305. SHRI NARAYAN KAR:
SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI:
SHRI M. A. BABY:
SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from state Governments requesting for an increase in subsidy on Janata sarees meant for the poor under the 20-Point Programme; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is under consideration of Government.